P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Sioux, one of the most powerful tribes of the American Indians, occupied the region which is now South Dakota long before the arrival of the white man to this territory; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of this tribe furnished material aid to the Verendrye Brothers and Lewis and Clark in their early-day expeditions to this territory; and

WHEREAS, the Sioux represent the highest type of North American Indians in physical courage and independence, and in the present conflict more than two hundred Sioux are serving their native country in the various branches of the service; and

WHEREAS, there is still residing in South Dakota, on reservations set aside for them by the United States government, approximately 22,000 Sioux Indians who enjoy all of the privileges of the white man; ○

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harlan J. Bushfield, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in memory of the invaluable aid given to our forefathers by the Indians and in appreciation of the good citizenship of their descendants who live among us today, do hereby designate and set aside Saturday, September 26, 1942, as

AMERICAN INDIAN DAY

and urge that this day be observed in all public schools, high schools, colleges and universities by having appropriate educational Indian programs, and that the historical societies, patriotic organizations, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have educational outdoor Indian programs in observance of this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Pierre, this 11th day of September, 1942.

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State